

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant amends claims 1, 5-7 and 11-26 and cancels claims 2-4 and 8-10, without prejudice. Accordingly, claims 1, 5, 7, and 11-26 are currently pending in the present application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner stated that the “request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because of the reasons give in the previous office action. Specially, Koizumi teaches a single operator controlling both a first display and a second display (see fig. 4 element 32).”

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 13, 14, 19-21 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Koizumi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,177,917); rejected claims 18 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koizumi et al.; rejected claims 15-17 and 22-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koizumi et al. in view of Jahagirdar et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,125,286); rejected claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jahagirdar et al. in view of Koizumi et al. and Higginbotham et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,896,575). In view of this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claims 1, 5 and 6 are allowable over the cited references in that claim 1 recites a combination of elements including, for example, a first display means mounted on one side of the folder cover having ‘n’ first signal electrodes and ‘k’ scan electrodes, second display means mounted on the other side of the folder cover having ‘n’ second signal electrodes and ‘m-k’ scan electrodes, the other side meaning the side opposite the one side, and a controller for providing a

control signal to the operator for controlling display by the first and second display means, the controller enabling display by the first display means when the folder cover is in the open position and the controller enabling display by the second display means when the folder is in the closed position. None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 5 and 6 are allowable over the cited references.

Claims 7, 11 and 12 are allowable over the cited references in that claim 1 recites a combination of elements including, for example, a first display means mounted on one side of the folder cover having 'n' first scan electrodes and 'k' signal electrodes, second display means mounted on the other side of the folder cover having 'n' second scan electrodes and 'm-k' signal electrodes, the other side meaning the side opposite the one side, and a controller for providing a control signal to the operator for controlling display by the first and second display means, the controller enabling display by the first display means when the folder cover is in the open position and the controller enabling display by the second display means when the folder is in the closed position. None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 5 and 6 are allowable over the cited references.

Claims 13-19 are allowable over the cited references in that claim 1 recites a combination of elements including, for example, a first liquid crystal display having a plurality of first signal electrodes defining a plurality of first pixels and a plurality of first scan electrodes, the first liquid crystal display being positioned at a first side of the folder cover, a second liquid crystal display having a plurality of second signal electrodes defining a plurality of second pixels and a

plurality of second scan electrodes, the second liquid crystal display being positioned at a second side of the folder cover, the second side being opposite to the first side, and an operator for operating the first and second liquid crystal displays having a plurality of scan electrode lines connected to the first and second scan electrodes, and a plurality of signal electrode lines connected to the first signal electrodes and the second signal electrodes, respectively. None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 13-19 are allowable over the cited references.

Claims 20-26 are allowable over the cited references in that claim 1 recites a combination of elements including, for example, a first liquid crystal display having a plurality of first signal electrodes defining a plurality of first pixels and a plurality of first scan electrodes, the first liquid crystal display being positioned at a first side of the folder cover, a second liquid crystal display having a plurality of second signal electrodes defining a plurality of second pixels and a plurality of second scan electrodes, the second liquid crystal display being positioned at a second side of the folder cover, the second side being opposite to the first side, and an operator for operating the first and second liquid crystal displays having a plurality of signal electrode lines connected to the first and second signal electrodes, and a plurality of scan electrode lines connected to the first scan electrodes and the second scan electrodes, respectively. None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 20-26 are allowable over the cited references.

If the Examiner deems that a telephone conference would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number (202) 496 – 7413. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

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